(*b*) the names of the members of the Society to whom loans have been sanctioned, the amount sanctioned to each and the objects for which loans were granted :

(*c*) whether security has been taken by each member to whom loan has been sanctioned in the shape of either land or any other property ;

(*d*) the number of the members of this Society that are engaged in any craft, together with their names ?

A.—Smt. LILAVATI V. MAGADI (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries.—

(*a*) Rs. 1,50,884.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The question relates to a Co-operative Society, which is not primarily responsible to Government.

OFFICES OF ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL TAX OFFICERS IN THE STATE.

Q.—495. Sri J. L. KABADI (Indi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether all the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers' Offices are run on the basis of 5% of expenditure of their total collection as was envisaged in the objects of the Mysore Sales Tax Bill, 1957 ;

(*b*) if not, what steps have been taken to abolish them immediately ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).

(*a*) What has been envisaged in the statement of objects and reasons appended to the Mysore Sales Tax Bill, 1957 is that the recurring expenditure on the administration of the Uniform Law will not exceed 4% of the anticipated revenue from sales tax. It was not envisaged that the expenditure in respect of each office should be within 4% of the collections made by that office. The total expenditure on the administration of law during 1959-60 was 3.16% of the total revenue realised.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) above.

ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Chair desires to announce that at the Election of six members to the Senate of the Mysore University by the

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members of the Assembly held yesterday, the following members have been declared elected :

Sriyuths :

1. K. Puttaswamy.	2. K. P. Karumbayya.
3. Y. Ramakrishna.	4. Gajanana Pandit.
5. D. H. Rudrappa.	6. C. J. Muckannappa.

CHAIR'S RULING *Re*: DEPUTY SPEAKER'S AUTHORITY TO PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS.

Yesterday, Hon'ble Member Sri Srinivasa Shetty raised a somewhat unusual point that in the absence of a written delegation from the Speaker under rule 11 of our Rules of Procedure, the Deputy Speaker had no authority to preside over the Assembly. It is surprising that after having referred to the provisions of sub-section (2) of Article 180 of the Constitution, he should still have raised this point. If he had read the provisions of this article, as well as the rule carefully, he would have noticed the patent and obvious distinction between the two. While the rule refers to delegation, the article refers to the authority possessed by the Deputy Speaker in his own right. Under the article, when the Speaker is absent, the Constitution vests the authority in the Deputy Speaker to act as Speaker. This power he does not derive by virtue of any delegation from the Speaker, but in his own right as Deputy Speaker under sub-section (2) of article 180 which directly confers the power on the Deputy Speaker. Hon'ble Member Sri Narasimhan who supported the Hon'ble Member Sri Srinivasa Shetty stated that absence referred to in this sub-section, was absence for a few hours or a few days, but absence during the time when the Speaker was within India. This is reading into the sub-section for more than is contained in it and there is no substance whatsoever in his argument. Rule 11 which relates to delegation must obviously refer to something other than what is contained in the article. It is not necessary for the present purpose to examine that rule since as I observed earlier, I derive power directly from the Constitution and not by virtue of any delegation.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF QUESTIONS SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS ETC.

Mr. Deputy Speaker.—I shall now read out the Statistical Statement of Questions, Resolutions, Half-an-Hour Discussions, Adjournment Motions, etc., for the Budget Session, 1961 as on 27th April, 1961,

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Number of Questions tabled.	...	...	706
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